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WASHINGTON, D. C.-Riggs House, Ebbitt House and Willard's Hotel. In the enumeration of great conventions and keynote speeches that of Senator Wolcott at Philadelphia yesterday must not forceful speakers in the country.

For all the favors Chicago delegates receive in Philadelphia they are promising to "reciprocate four years from now." feel so certain of getting the national convention in 1904 that they are discounting it

"Mark Hanna looks bright and bloom ing;" "Mark Hanna looks ten years older than he did twelve months ago." The Philadelphia correspondents disagree almost as widely as the so-called portraits of the Ohio senator do

Will the Democratic national convention and navy in China, thereby promoting militarism and imperialism under the pretense of protecting American citizens?

If the Tammany Ice Trust had not come to grief, what a campaign contribution could have been made from the proceeds of ice sold at 60 cents a hundred pounds! But, found out, and ice selling at 25 cents, the contribution will be meager.

The battleship Oregon endeared itself to record it made in the great voyage from San Francisco to Key West, and the voyage to China under "rush" orders will give the ship another claim to historic fame.

a great pity to take him away from New York, which is in such need of him, and put him in the vice presidency, where his abounding energies would have no outlet.

Senator Hanna is no great orator, but he can face an audience without trembling and he knows how to say about the proper thing in a direct, businesslike way. His brief speech on opening the convention yesterday was much better than if it had been longer and scattering.

"Fighting Joe Wheeler" has been asof the Lakes, with headquarters at Chicago. His service there will not be long, as he will go on the retired list in Septemdepartment a taste of the novel experience of being under the command of an ex-Confederate officer, and a very gallant one

It was a proper and spontaneous act the part of the delegates to the Philadelgan to play the "Star-spangled Banner" plece. Now watch the Kansas City conthe same thing. Perhaps Reare not more patriotic than Democrats, but they are more apt to think

An ordinance for the elevation of the Pennsylvania and the Chicago & Western Indiana railroad tracks, passed by the Chicago Council on Monday night, has been accepted by the roads, and they will ele miles of tracks at a cost of \$15,000 .-An ordinance affecting other roads entering the city is expected to pass next week. The days of grade crossings seem to be numbered in all large cities.

If the report is true that Lord Roberts has mustered out the Natal troops and is send a division of Buller's he war in South Africa near its end. If such should prove to be true the demarogues who hope to fight a pro-Boer camnaign in the United States will find the undertaking a most difficult one. The Boer war ended, the Boer campaign in the United States will be neither brilliant nor effec-

Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, delivered the address before the graduating class of the Wisconsin Law School on Monday. His subject was "The Nature and Powers of the Federal Government." and his address was an argument against the centralization of power in the federal government through amendments to the Constitution. He even mainined that the attempt to regulate trusts until other expedients have been found ineffective. It is evident that Justice Brewer does not believe in tinkering with the Constitution.

seem to differ as to Governor party as candidate for presidency would injure his chances for was holding her American colonies in lead-

and acceptable service in the second high- | product. To-day they est elective position in the government. The vice presidency is not an obscure position, to find a man if they want him, and faith- she formerly had an ful service as Vice President is not likely the higher office. Governor Roosevelt may idency could not operate to make him less | The London sporting paper

POSSIBILITY OF WAR WITH CHINA. danger. Our present action in China does not be two opinions. In most countries would hold the government responsible for the protection of Americans temporarily living there, and if they were murdered or injured would demand and enforce reparation. But the Chinese government is no amenable to civilized rules. Besides, it if not encouraging and aiding them. these circumstances there is nothing fo reference to the Chinese government and protect their own citizens. Not to do s would be to repudiate one of the highest duties of government. Even if this reason were not conclusive the material interests equire this government to join with others in performing a duty which the Chinese government is unable or unwilling to perform. Our new claim to rank among great powers would not stand a minute if we stood back and declined to assist other powers in protecting all foreigners, including our own citizens. If we were to do tha trade of the Orient, no more domination in the Pacific. Other powers would say that, having declined to assume our share of a grave responsibilty and to assist in the pacification of China, thereby taking not come to the front in time of peace and claim a share in results which we had no hand in bringing about. Plainly, therefore, it is the imperative duty of the United States to co-operate heartily and as effectively as possible with other powers in protecting foreigners in China. The Presiright in assuming the responsibility of

as a London dispatch puts it, between Eastern and Western civilization. This is by no means a certainty, but it is a possibility. others that have occurred in China, short duration. When the Chinese government comes face to face with the possibility policy that will avert a general war, though it cannot escape responsibility for acts already done. But hatred of foreigners and the proverbial vanity and stubbornness of the Chinese may lead the government to take up the cause of the Boxers and thus precipitate the long-predicted and much talked-of war between Eastern and Western civilization. Such a war might prove to be one of the greatest in the world's hisnor patriotic as we understand patriotism. Their government is weak and corrupt and their military forces unorganized. But they embrace nearly one-third of the population of the earth, more than all of Europe combined, and if once roused their mere inertia strength A people that have preserved their national integrity for six thousand years, growing stronger and more compact all the time, surviving all changes and all Indianapolis should be under the prorevolutions, must possess extraordinary racial forces. Once roused in a war beforces might prove tremendous. In such conflict, involving as its logical result the dismemberment and partition of China, it is doubtful if either Japan or Russia w side with the Western powers. The former is wholly Oriental, and the sympathies and interests of the latter are so largely so that it is very doubtful if she would take part in a war that looked to the partition of China. The United States should not be avoid it with honor, but it must not shirk

possibility of such an event. THE SECRET OF AMERICAN SUCCESS.

he present duty because it involves the

A London cablegram, summarizing the recent Ascot races, shows a remarkable degree of success by the American jockeys who rode, they winning a much larger number of races and much larger amounts in money than any equal number of English jockeys. The leading sporting paper of London comments on this "extraordinary success of the American jockeys." It says they had to fight prejudice and overcome ridicule, that the position that they their heads as well as their hands."

It is a national characteristic to take

oride in the victories and successes of Americans in whatever field of action they enter. In literature or in art, in science. nanufactures, in war or in peace, in sink ing fleets or in riding horse races, if Ameri cans are engaged we like to see them wir something added to the common stock of national achievement in which all share. Three-quarters of a century ago when Sydney Smith sneeringly asked. "In the four quarters of the globe, who read play, or looks at an American picture or the sting. Now they all share in the reflection that American books and plays are as popular in England as in the United States, and that American artists of having gradually outstripped and beaten of manufacture in which formerly scarcely had a competitor. It is but little

mistaken. No man's chances for the presi- were, and insisting on the right of supplydency can be lessened by his election to ing them with every kind of manufactured

dinary successes of the American jockas well as their hands." That is it, Americans do everything with their heads as well as their nands. Riding a horse race is not a very high order of action, but it seems that even there there is room for Whether it is constructing locomotives for foreign countries, shipping iron bridges to Egypt, flooding the British islands with manufactures, building warships for Russia and Japan, storming the fortified heights of El Caney, sinking the Spanish ships in Manila bay, or Cervera's fleet at Santiago, whipping the Spanish, pacifying the Cubans, chastising the rebellious Filipinos, opening the door of China with one hand and gathering in the trade of the their heads as well as their hands." Head United States the manufacturing and commercial mistress of the world. It is not of the London paper on the success of American jockeys in beating the English success in everything-"They ride with

When the British surgeon, Dr. Treves, lately returned from South Africa and spoke in uncomplimentary terms of the fine ladies criticised by London papers for speaking in such fashion, and it was said of him prompt and vigorous action in the matter, | that he did not appreciate the good intentions of the women. But a professional nurse who has lately returned to London firms Dr. Treves's statement and goes even

further. She says, grimly: Dr. Treves was perfectly right. I don't think I've ever seen a more unedifying spectacle than these ladies coming out, in quite a holiday spirit, with a wardrobe of new dresses, and thoroughly prepared to have a downright good time. What I can't make out is why they were allowed to come at all, hindering good work and getting terribly in the way. I daren't tell you ome of the things I've heard about them. I can say this, however, that they think the duty of nursing, or rather fashionable nursing, as it should be styled, consists in smoothing the sufferer's pillows and bathing his forehead with a little scent.

War with a society attachment is one o the developments of modern times which there has not yet been time to regulate.

Mr. Stuckmeyer went to Delaware to ge and that is sufficient reason why he should not be awarded the contract. The laws of Indiana regulating the issue of charters to corporations are sufficiently liberal to enable any number of citizens to secure the privilege of doing a legitimate business. On the other hand. Delaware is one of the States which sell any kind of charter that may be applied for by persons who are not residents of that State. The worst feature of harmful combinations comes from those charters outside the States in which they

Senator Beveridge will have the sincere sympathy of the community generally in Mrs. Beveridge can appreciate the loss suffers in her untimely death. fine character and clear intelligence, together with her tact and charm of manner made an unusually engaging personality warmest in their praise. Her passing when at the zenith of her womanhood and will life at its fairest is an event full of pathos hearts that mourn will grieve first fo goes leaves indeed a vacant place.

The Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs has resolved that it "deprecates" the action taken by the General Federation in excluding Mrs. Ruffin as representative of a club in good standing in the State organization. This rather tame resolution followed quite an animated discussion of the subject, but the tameness was offset by the election of Mrs. Rufas a director of the state body. Now matter will simmer until the next Massachusetts wrath may have been roused by the insult offered the entire delegation at Milwaukee and the clubs represented, and sparks will fly.

Philadelphia dispatch says that coniderable time has been spent in editing condensing a platform which brought from Washington with high official indorsement. There is no harm in having a platform prepared in advance, as in fact they always are to a greater or ess degree, but the committee will make argumentative platform. There are only sublic mind at present, and these should be disposed of without unnecessary ver-

Nobody knows just how much plagiarism goes on in the world, but enough is brought should take such risks, and sometimes very bright ones, too. A recent case is that of tention about the Philippines now, they can Dr. Beardshear, president of Iowa State College, who published a prose article in the May number of the Philistine in which all the ideas and most of the language is appropriated from one of Walt Whitman's poems. Whitman's poetry lends itself so readily to the prosaic form that the doctor President four years hence he is doubtless I ing strings, feeding them with a spoon as it probably thought the theft would not be

discovered, but there is always some meddlesome person to discover everything. In this case the resemblance is so close as to make the offense rank.

The coming departure of Rev. B. A Jenkins, president of the University of Indianapolis, to a new field of labor, which has just been announced, will be a decided loss to local educational circles. While his work in behalf of the new university has not produced all the results the impatient public hoped for those who are informed on the subject know that he has been indefatigable in his efforts to promote its interests and that he has done much to pave the way for more rapid advances in the future. The first steps in such an enhas taken to the satisfaction of those who are interested with him, and they will re-

A current item has it that Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Derby, Conn., a millionaire in her own right, has become a stenographer at a small salary, believing it is the duty has no other conception of useful work than that which brings a money return, then she has much to learn before she is properly qualified to possess a million dollars. A woman of wealth who cannot find enough important tasks to occupy all her time without entering a crowded profession and taking a place needed by a poor girl has a limited view of her duties to the world. She should be so busily occupied that she would need to employ a sten-

BUBBLES IN THE AIR.

Joint Praise. 'What did you think of my war poem, Billy?" "Well, I think it is fully as bad as any other

war poetry I ever read." A Double-Edged Convention.

"Yes: it will liven up the town and sober down some of the political aspirants.' From the Wilds of St. Louis.

Woman and Polities.

"It seems as if every man in the country has a vice presidential boom. "Yes. David; if you had any get-up about you,

Out of the Ordinary.

'In what respect?" "She says she can't criticise my faults be

cause she has so many of her own.' Chic and Unparliamentary.

What did Cousin Clara write about the club convention?" worst-behaved lot

Letting Him Out. Father-Now, daughter, I want you to let the public know that I didn't write your graduating

Daughter-Oh, pa, don't you worry about that everybody that knows you will know you didn't.

Footnotes. What time o' day it is often depends on which

neighbors' funerals don't go off as they would have managed them.

When a man claims that the world owes him a living it indicates that he is getting tired of Of two women who stay all night together,

one wants to talk all night, and the other one

owls, she sticks to them until the last chapter, to "see how they come out."

INDIANA EDITORIAL NOTES.

Will Tammany cut any ice at Kansas City?-Anderson Bulletin. Mr. Bryan's preparations for porch parties this summer are complete.-Terre

Haute Express.

South Bend is advertising a new cemetery as an inducement for people to settle in that town.-Goshen Times. The politicians will soon have their de

sired opportunity to sit down on a trust. A chair trust is being formed.-Eikart Re-Governor Mount goes right along pursuing the even tenor of his way, heedless of

bell.-Corydon Republican The serious manner in Democratic newspapers are taking the Oregon election returns indicates a fear on their part that at least one plank in Mr. Bryan's platform has been splintered .-

Evansville Journal. Mr. Bryan, Mr. Jones and Mr. Towne are off on a fishing trip to the northern lakes. There is nothing so conducive to a complete understanding between persons as a fishing trip, and no doubt Mr. Towne will soon know where he is "at."-Kokomo

Mr. Bryan says he never wrote letters to if the letters written in his name were forgeries his course has been such as to give the rebels receiving them in his name every reason to accept them as genuine .-

Vincennes Commercial Republican rascals never get any favor shown them by the Republican party; so the thieves in Cuba may as well prepare to take their medicine, good and strong. There is not a Republican paper in the United States that has a word to say in

their defense.-Madison Courier. For a second time Governor Mount has peremptorily refused to surrender the Kentucky exiles in Indiana to the mercy of the blood-thirsty bull-dozers of Kentucky. The Governor grows in the respect of all honest-minded people by his refusal to be a party to the murderous plans of the Goebel

Democracy.-Huntington Herald. The world is not growing worse. We are Official disknowing more about crime. honesty is not as great as in the past. There were times in Jackson's administration when 20 per cent, of the government funds were stolen. We might as well be honest about history, as about business, about the past as about the present .- An-

derson Herald. St. Louis needs a good scrubbing. Yesterday a man testified in court that he bought for 5 cents a piece of an undergarment torn by the mob from one of the cars against the will of the strikers and their friends. What depravity to wish such a thing; what effrontery to admit its possession!-Terre Haute Tribune

O no, we are not in favor of any more do now in protecting and building up what we have got. Expansion is a past issue, even when the Philippines are referred to. Every isle in the Philippine sea, formerly belonging to Spain, belongs to the United States, by solemn treaty fully carried into effect. There is no such thing as expanding to take them in. They are in already. raise the issue of giving them up-the issue contraction. Are you a contractionist?-Lagrange Standard.

Hardly.

Washington Post. We fear Mr. Benedict's new party will never be large enough to fit Grover CleveEXPANSION.

Striking Comment of Half a Century Ago on American Destiny.

Salt Lake Tribune In Gilpin's "North American Mission" the

writer pictured the swift-coming events which the United States was to take part in. Here is a sample: "We are about to supply by direct export the food and precious and base metals to 850,000,000 of neighboring Asiatics! To Japan, to China, to India, to the gorgeous islands of Borneo, Sumatra, Java. The

Philippines, the Celebes. To the archipela-

goes of the Sooloo sea and Polynesia. These

are larger in aggregate area and more

populous, and are nearer to us." Gilpin proceeded to say that from 1840 to 1845 he alone, and in extreme youth, sought and chalked out the immense solitudes filling the space from Missouri to China, "the lines of this dazzling empire, of which we now hold the oracular crown-to have stood by its cradle-to be the witness of its miraculous growth. On the 2d of March, 1846, Gilpin made report to the United States Senate, in

"Two centuries have rolled over our race upon this continent. From nothing we have become 20,000,000. From nothing we are grown to be in agriculture, in con merce, in civilization, and in natural strength the first among nations existing or in history. So much is our destiny-so far, up to this time-transacted, accomplished, certain, and not to be dispute From this threshold we read the future.

which was the following:

"The untransacted destiny of the American people is to subdue the continent: to rush over this vast field to the Pacifi ocean; to animate the many hundred millions of its people, and to cheer them upward; to set the principle of self-government at work; to agitate these hercu lean masses; to establish a new order human affairs; to set free the enslaved; to regenerate superannuated nations; to change darkness into light; to stir up the sleep of a hundred centuries; to teach old nations a new civilization; to conform the destiny of the human face; to carry the career of mankind to its culminating point; to cause stagnant people to be reborn; to perfect science; to emblazon history with the conquest of peace; to shed a new and resplendent glory upon mankind; to unite the world in one social family; to dissolve the spell of tyranny and exalt charity; to absolve the curse that weighs down humanity, and to shed blessings round the world

"Let us tread fast and joyfully the open trail before us! Let every American heart open wide for patriotism to glow unlimmed, and confide with religious faith in the sublime and prodigious destiny of his well-loved country.

That was fifty-four years ago, when al the space between the Missouri and the Pacific was a wilderness. Our nation numbered then 20,000,000 people. Now five lines of railroads compass that region that was a waste, and the whole infinite distance is illuminated by schoolhouses and sancpopulation has increased The dren. to 75,000,000 been drawn up to within fifteen days' sail from our west coast by the modern steamship, and every morning the telegraph tells us what happened on the Oriental coast the previous day. What would a man like Gilpin have to say in response to the antiexpansion dyspeptics that now fill the atmosphere of our country with lamenta-

M'KINLEY'S ADVICE.

Vice President Should Be Chosen with a View to Possible Promotion.

New York Letter in Philadelphia Press. Last winter a distinguished Republican who holds an office of great honor, and who is to be one of the conspicuous delegates at the national convention next week was in this city and met one evening group of friends who asked him if the view of President McKinley as to the vice presi dential nomination had been made known to any one. This meeting took place at a time when much discussion was going on in public and private as to the probability of the unanimous nomination of Governor

Roosevelt for Vice President The answer to the question was in effect by many of his friends in Washington and by others who have visited Washington to express his opinion as to the proper course for the national convention to take with respect to the vice presidential nomination. The President was found to be in a receptive rather than a communicative disposi tion, excepting upon one point. He was glad to hear whatever might be said in favor of this one or that one, and was even disposed to draw out full and frank opinion. But when it came to committing himself to any one or even to speaking with disfavor of any one, the President was careful to conceal his own view.

most persuasive. He said that it seemed to him that the Republican convention should first of all consider the very contingency which the framers of the Constitution had in mind when they created the office of Vice President, a contingency which alone accounts for the creation of that office That was the succession to the presidency in case of the death, resignation or dis-

the imprecations hurled at him by Jack ability of the President. Chinn, Justus Goebel and "Tim" Camp- | The first question, therefore, that ask when considering any proposed candidate for the vice presidency was, in President McKinley's view, this, namely: Is he a man whom this convention would feel honored and justified in nominating for the presidency? Is he a man whom the party and the entire Nation would have confidence in were the constitutional contingency to arise by which the succession were devolved upon him? Having answered this question in the affirmative, then there were other subordinate or less important questions to be considered by the national

The distinguished politician who asserted to his friends that this had been the invariable positive statement made by President McKinley, with respect to the vice presidency, said that if this view were followed by the Republican convention it would, of course, eliminate certain comparatively inconspicuous persons, whose inconsiderate friends were urging their nomination for Vice President.

Exchange of Compliments. Philadelphia Inquirer.

There are a few things worth knowing that the Kansas City Times does not seem to be aware of, judging from the following criticism in its columns

"Philadelphia doesn't feel as if it is going to get anything like its money's worth of the McKinley ratification meeting. and that was one reason why its citizens have been so slow about coming up with the \$100,000 Hanna demanded as the price tor locating his show. In the first place, this city knew that the convention would be a ratification

meeting before it bid for it, and we were further satisfied that it would be the greatest of its kind on record. That is the reason that the money for the convention was paid promptly to Chairman Hanna. Every Philadelphian will get his 'money's worth," as the Kansas City Times expresses it, but without robbing the delegates and visitors during stay. In this Philadelphia will differ from Kansas City. Moreover, we will show the leading men of the United States a clean and a beautiful city, which is more than the delegates to the Democratic circus will see when they turn themselves loose in that Missouri side-station that has been chosen as a meeting place this year. On the whole. Philadelphia is fairly well satisfied with her bargain, and we believe that the delegates will be equally well satisfied when the convention breaks up.

The Real Mark Hanna. Philadelphia Record.

ter to-day is Senator Marcus A. Hanna who, as chairman of the Republican naterest at the Hotel Walton. No man in public life has been so mercilessly caricatured by artist and libeled by camera. The caricaturist, of course, is never ex pected to convey a true likeness, al-though he invariably seeks to preserve lance of a man's features and exns, however distorted they may In Senator Hanna's case, however,

The Nation's most conspicuous charac

he seems entirely at sea. This impres sion is forced upon one by studying the man at close range. The caricaturist may perhaps be pardoned for not coming nearer the truth, when the fact is taken into consideration that even the photogtapher usually fails to catch the details of the senator's facial characteristics There is an indescribable something about the man that defies reproduction. His is remarkable face in many respects, full of light and shade, expressive to the extent of being almost panoramic, ever changing with his own mood or the moods of those about him. It is a rugged face, such as you see on those actors who change their plastic features at will in giving imitations of famous men. And yet at times it seems to be as unfathomable as the face of the very Sphnix. Small wonder that the artist fails to retain its elusive characteristics.

PLEA FOR A BIG NAVY.

Failure of the Atlantic Ocean as Means of Defense.

Among the interesting lessons of the war n South Africa is one that we in this country ought to heed with closest attention. It is the change in the relations

between land and water.

It has always been our boast that in our ,500 miles of seacoast lay our strength and that the great Atlantic was our ample protection. Now we learn that each port is an opening in our defense, and that the ocean is merely the easy way to it. Within a few months England succeeded

in landing over 200,000 men in remote South Africa. She impressed the great steamers of her merchant marine and had the means at once available for moving her troops. Germany, with the mighty fleets of her North German Lloyd and other lines, could ommand as ample facilities, and either of these countries, should hostilities develop

with the United States, could pour troops

over here so as to have on our soil in a few

veeks twice as many trained soldiers as we have in our entire army-here, in the Vest Indies and in far-away Philippines Instead of keeping them off the ocean would bring them to us! The steamship makes fast time, rides through storms holds to her route and "gets there." Given nough soldiers and enough ships (and several European nations have them), and we should have our hands full of trouble

here if war broke out. of such magnitude that it could patrol the whole coast, and do that in sufficient force to overcome the war vessels that convoyed the hostile fleet. It is true that one or two thousand soldiers on an unarmored ship are in a pretty defenseless predicament and that, if they were adequately met on the water, they would be easily disposed of. The way our own troops were held back at l'ampa on board the transports a week or wo, because of rumors of a phantom fleet omewhere on the coast, shows the timidity soldiers in the presence of a peril that they have no way of averting.

But, for our coast, an immense fleet would be necessary. Think of all the opportunities between Portland and Galveston. Have we any such outfit? Manifestly we have not. England has a navy that can protect her whole island front. But our little navy, fine as it is, would be hopelessly inadequate to the awful task that a war with a great modern power would throw upon it. We need large and constant additions to our ships, and to get rid of some of the fatwitted optimism that boasts of what we might do-and then does nothing. The time to lay keels, to drill soldiers, and to get ready to defend ourselves isn't after hostile forces have set foot on our territory. Let that happen and our legislative optimists would be the first to take to the woods-just as those who forced the Cuban war on the country are now the loudmouthed denouncers of the "policy of con-We've got to rely on ourselves, not on the Atlantic ocean hereafter, and the fact has

been made clear to us.

They Watch Hanna Eat. Philadelphia Letter in Chicago Journal. It is Hanna first, last, and always. He mentions a name, and that is sufficient to start a red-hot boom; he looks pleasant when somebody else mentions a name, and the result is similar. He says, "I hope not," and everybody counts that man out. A veritable Hanna mania has seized upon the city. If he actually wore a suit of lothes checked with dollar marks and ate gold dust and greenbacks, he could hardly e more of a sideshow. Crowds follow him in the street; mobs block the entrances and windows of the Walton cafe when he unches; so much so that special uniformed colice have to be stationed at the doors to keep a passage until he shall have finished The fascination extends even to his pic-

Has Done a Wise Thing.

originals of Davenport's famous cartoons.

Minneapolis Tribune. Governor Taylor is condemned even by some of the Republican papers for not returning to Kentucky and "facing the music"-but these papers probably do not ealize what a serious matter this is to Taylor. There is evidence going to show that a certain ring of Goebelite politicians in Kentucky are determined to have his life, and as they control the Legislature the executive and the courts, Taylor would stand very little show of a fair trial.

Might Omit Rhode Island.

Hartford Courant. the rest of the summer and the first two months of the fall Mr. Bryan will eagerly oursue the finless American gudgeon. s looking forward to a great catch, too. 'I should say," he told the Chicago reporters Wednesday, "that our plan of campaign will be to carry every State in the

Suggestion to Booth Tarkington.

It ["Monsieur Beaucaire"] is an artistic story and delightfully told. There is talk of its being dramatized, and if it is hope the author will change the end a bit and have the young man, even if he is an historic character, marry Lady Mary instead of that woman over in France whom we have not seen and in whom we have

not the slightest interest. Of Course It Is.

Nebraska State Journal. Everybody admits that the average toiled in this and all other civilized countries of the earth is better off now than at any other time of which we have any knowledge, but the cry goes up that it ought to e still easier to get on in the world. That things are not exactly as they should be is probably due to the unwholesome influence of Marcus A. Hanna

Senator Depew's Son.

Philadelphia Letter. Senator Depew and his son, whom every delights to call "Buster." through the Walton corridor at noon today. The younger man grows to look more and more like his father. He overtops his by about an inch, and is rather slender. He has the Depew nose and eyes and can properly be called a "second edition" of the

Inapt Classifications.

Brooklyn Eagle. Erving Winslow defends his right to call General Otis an "automatic liar." The epithet is just as contrary to justice and to decency as it would be to call Erving Winsow a gentleman. But no one has done that, and Winslow himself is the only man who thinks himself entitled to the appella-

Brave but Not Foolhardy. Nebraska State Journal.

Taylor would be a fool to go back to Kentucky and voluntarily surrender himself to a band of utterly lawless Goebelites who have sworn to hang him if captured A man who deliberately walks over a precipice may be brave, but he lacks sense or has been greviously dis ppointed in love.

Not Exactly.

The convention of the Indiana Democrats was by no means a carnival of the sixteenthe tobacco octoras?

BIRTH OF A GREAT PARTY

First Republican Convention and the Contest Which Followed.

Philadelphia Ledger, The national Republican convention of 900, appointed to be held in Philadelphia on the 19th inst., will be the third held by that party in this city. The first was in 1856, when the Republican party was launched on the sea of national politics, with Fremont and Dayton as its candidates. The second was in 1872, when Grant and Wilson were made the nominees. Chicago secured the convention five times-in 1860, 1868, 188 1884 and 1888. It was held in Baltimore in 1864, in Cincinnati in 1876, in Minneapolis in about a dozen of the survivors of the convention of 1856, and these have been invited career of the Whig party practically terminated with the campaign of 1852. Its timid position on the question of slavery made it an impotent antagonist of the Democracy and its place was taken by the Republican party, which, although possessing organizations in various States, had no national organization until 1856. The preliminary arrangements were conducted in Pittsburg on Washington's birthday of that year and a convention called to meet in Philadelphia

on June 17 While the Pittsburg conference was in session the American, or "Know Nothing." party had nominated ex-President Millard illmore, of New York, for President, and Andrew J. Donelson, of Tennessee, for Vice President. There was a secession from this convention by delegates, who resisted the attempt of the national council of the party to dictate the platform for the convention and who objected to the nomination of any candidates who were not in favor of interdicting slavery in territory north of 36 egrees 30 minutes by congressional action. The seceders nominated John C. Fremont of California, for President, and ex-Governor William F. Johnston, of Pennsylvania, for Vice President. The Democrats met in Cincinnati on June 2. On the seventeenth ballot James Buchanan, of Pennsylvania, was nominated for President, his competitors having been President Franklin Pierce, of New Hampshire, and Stephen A. Douglas, of Illinois.

When the Republican convention assembled it contained representatives from all the Northern States and Delaware, Maryhave been no set rule as to the ratio of representation. An informal ballot was taken upon the nomination for President, and John C. Fremont polled 358; John McLean, of Ohio, 196; Charles Sumner, of Massachusetts, 2, and William H. Seward, of New York, 1. For Vice President, William L. Dayton, of New Jersey, polled 296; Abraham Lincoln, of Illinois, 110: Nathaniel P. Banks, of Massachusetts, 46; David Wilnot, of Pennsylvania, 43; Charles S 35; Jacob Collamer, of Vermont, 15; John A. King, of New York, 9; S. C. Pomeroy, of Kansas, 8; Thomas Ford, of Ohio, 7; Henry Wilson, of Massachusetts, 5; Cassius M. Clay, of Kentucky, 4; William F. Johnston, of Pennsylvania, 2. It is believed that Fremont's availability consisted in his popularity as the "Pathfinder" and the fact that he was already the nominee of the seceders from the American party. The list of candidates before the convention included the names of men already celebrated, and of some who were to bec illustrious, Lincoln was to become President, Seward his secretary of state and Wilson Vice President during Grant's sec-The delegates had assembled in pursu-

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the United States without regard to past political differences or divisions, who were opposed to the repeal of the Missouri comomise, to the policy of the Pierce administration, to the extension of slavery into free territory, and in favor of admitting Kansas as a free State, and of "restoring the action of the federal government to the principles of Washington and Jefferson." The platform advocated the preservation of the federal Constitution, the rights of the States and the union of the States and was largely taken up with the slavery question. There was no mention of the tariff or currency in the initial national platform of the Republican party. The Whigs met at Baltimore on Sept. 17 and nominated Fillmore and Donelson, who were already the candidates of the American party. After a stormy campaign Buchanan was elected, receiving 174 electoral votes to 114 for Fremont and 8 for Fillmore. On the popular vote Buchanan had 1,838,169; Fremont, 1,341,264, and Fillmore, 874,534. Buchanan carried the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Mississipp Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Ten-Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois California. Fremont carried Maine, New Vermont, Massachusetts, tures and there is a free exhibition of the Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa, Fillmore's capture was the solitary State of

Fremont did not achieve a personal victory, but as he was the heroic "p "Rockies," the great "Pathfinder." so did he blaze the way for the Republican party, and Philadelphia will be ever memorable as the scene of the first Repu

Prosperity in Indiana.

New York Tribune. Nathan Morris, a lawyer, of Indianapolis, in spaking of the present aspect of politlcal affairs in the Hoosier State, said yesterday at the Waldorf-Astoria: "The wonderful prosperity of the country in the Just now Mr. Bryan is fishing for fish | last few years has been enjoyed to the employed, factories closed and business it all lines running on a restricted basis, today there is work for everyone, business is booming and our factories are all open and running on full time. Our wheat crop is ruined, but in everything else we are in good estate. All this will help President McKinley in his canvass for re-election, for the people will not forget that it was under his administration that this happy state of affairs came to pass and Indiana enjoyed the most prosperous years in its history. The magnificent and efficient manner in which the Spanish war was carried to a triumphant conclusion is another strong point in the President's favor, and we appreciate, as well, that it was owing to this war and the energy with which it was prosecuted that for the first time we, as a nation, took our rightful place in the front rank of the great powers of the

That Census Episode.

R. M. Field, in Chicago Post, All Indiana is burning with rage to-day at the affront put upon Mrs. May Wright Sewall, of Indianapolis, by the census enumerator. Conceive the wrath, the rage, the fury of Mrs. Sewall when she was bom-

barded with these questions: Are you male or female? White or colored? State whether you can read and write?

There is no doubt that the fellow who presumed to get gay with Mrs. Sewail is ot the "gentleman from Indiana" we have heard so much about, and we shall lose our faith in the wisdom of our national government if he is not promptly discharged from lace. There may be a slight suspicion that the enumerator had heard the echoes of the colored line war in Milwaukee and took this opportunity to make merry with Mrs. Sewall, but it was an ignoble jest and demands the severest censure. We shall be grateful to Mrs. Sewall and her sisters if they suffer the matter to drop with the expulsion of the offender and do not carry their resentment to the complete overthrow of all plans for the census of 1900.

For Vice President. Philadelphia Inquirer.

There is plenty of good timber in the Republican party. Only give us some man who has stood up before the people, who has been tested in an office to which he has been elected, whose powers and abilities are known. Give us such a man for Vice President and he will be accepted gladly, no matter fom what section of the country he may hall. Put him on a platform of prosperity and patriotism, on a platform that shall record the history of the Mo-Kinley administration, and all will be well.

Trusting Himself with the Octopus Kansas City Star.

There is no personal objection to be made against Colonel Mose Wetmore, but how could Mr. Bryan bring himself to the pass of going off on a fishing frolic with a man who has upon him the stamp and image of